Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The "Greatest Generation" produced two remarkable twin sisters who epitomized the best of qualities that generation has come to represent, namely Della Marie and Dorothy Clara Hoesing, both who currently reside in Yankton County, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Della and Dorothy were born on April 8, 1920, to Fred and Elizabeth Hoesing at the family farm near Menominee, Nebraska, and with their seven siblings, discovered the riches of family, faith, and work ethic during the Great Depression—working tirelessly to instill those values in their treasured legacy of 110 descendents; and,

Whereas, Della married John Goeden on April 21, 1941, giving life and love to six daughters, and during WWII, while John served in the Army, Della worked at a Yankton factory making airplane parts for the military and later devoted her life to providing a happy home for her family by putting their needs before her own; and,

Whereas, Dorothy married Victor Schieffer on November 19, 1941, and to that union twelve children were born and raised largely on her own with few resources, but much love. On February 14, 1987, Dorothy married Donald Kralicek and dedicated her life as a farm wife, loving mother, and creative homemaker with her beloved sewing machine and God-given gifts with yeast and flour; and,

Whereas, At age 84, after a life dedicated to family with rare opportunities for vacation or travel, Della and Dorothy journeyed to the Vatican City in Italy where they saw his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, and at age 86, they traveled together again to Lourdes, France, and other holy sites; and,

Whereas, Della and Dorothy have both demonstrated tremendous faith and commitment to their religious beliefs, both having been commissioned as Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, and consider family their greatest earthly treasure; and,

Whereas, Della and Dorothy will observe their 90th Birthdays with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as their friends and relatives gather on Mother's Day, May 9, 2010, to honor them and celebrate their lives and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the lives of two women who have lived exemplary lives for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2010, as

THE HOESING TWINS, DELLA AND DOROTHY DAY

in South Dakota, and I join their many friends and relatives in wishing them a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State